

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6009
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EXPORT OF MARBLE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the export of marble has declined during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the quantum of marble exported during the last three years, country-wise;
- (d) whether the Government have taken any concrete steps for boosting up the exports of marble; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

- (a) : No, Sir.
- (b) : Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) : The marble exports to major countries during each of the last three years country-wise, is given as under:-

(Value : Rs. Lakh)

Countries to which exported 1998-99 1999-2000 2000-01

China P Rp	373	1086	4124
Egypt A Rp	50	589	1153
Hongkong	577	1642	1453
Italy	3457	3774	3856
Saudi Arabia	850	2125	2340
UAE	1125	1264	1630
USA	1213	1460	1932
OTHERS	4046	5895	8219
TOTAL	11691	17835	24707

(d) & (e) : The government has constituted a Group on Marble Development which will work under the overall guidance of the Granite Development Council set up under the Ministry of Mines. The terms of reference of the Group includes, among others, assessment of technology employed in the marble quarries and recommend measures for upgradation of technology, scientific exploitation of minerals and measures for increasing value addition in marble, marble products and exports. The Group is looking into these issues and shall be making its recommendations in due course.